



BIB 375 - 3 credits

## The Gospel of John

### Description:

An in-depth study of the life of Jesus Christ as portrayed by the beloved disciple. Students will study the signs John gives proving the divinity of Jesus and the great "I AM's" of Jesus.

### Objectives:

- You will quote the following verses:
  - ✓ John 20:30,31
  - ✓ John 3:30
  - ✓ John 5:39
  - ✓ John 7:37-39
  - ✓ John 12:26
  - ✓ John 17:3
  - ✓ John 21:25
- You will quote one of the following passages: John 1: 1-14, John 14:1-14, John 15:5-17, or John 17:15-26
- You will discuss the meanings of the following terms as found in the Gospel of John:
  - ✓ Word (logos)
  - ✓ world (kosmos)
  - ✓ glory
  - ✓ the Christ
  - ✓ signs
  - ✓ Sanhedrin
  - ✓ living water
  - ✓ psyche
  - ✓ zoe
  - ✓ Parakletos
  - ✓ peace
  - ✓ know (John 17:3,25)
  - ✓ Tetelestai

- You will have an understanding of the overall message and theme of the Gospel of John.
- You will state a broad outline of the Gospel of John.
- You will state each of the miracles and each of the "I AM's" of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John, with references.

### Texts:

*LifeChange: John* by NavPress

[A note about LifeChange books: If you have taken courses in other colleges, you may be surprised and even offended by the texts we have chosen for our intensive book studies. College texts are usually thick, weighty tomes, full of the revelation that others have received from their careful study of the Scripture. Our preference is that you study God's Word for yourself and receive revelation yourself directly from the author, the Holy Spirit. Others' works should be used for historical, language, and cultural insights and confirmation of what you have received.]

The LifeChange series by NavPress is an outstanding example of the Lamad method of learning. (See the CLU catalog for a further description of "lamad learning".) The books are short because they contain only the questions that guide your personal study of the Bible, with some background information. As you answer the questions, you will progress from a careful examination of what the passage says to interpreting what it means, and finally to prayerfully discovering how it is to affect your life. Your personal notebook of truth you have discovered in answering the questions will be longer than the "course text" and will be your personal record of revelation knowledge. Take your time, answering every question carefully and thoroughly, and I guarantee you will have a greater understanding and appreciation of the biblical text than you would if you devoted your time to the study of a "college text".]

Several translations of the Bible; one of them should be the New International Version since that is the translation used by the authors of the text

A complete concordance such as Young's or Strong's

You will want to use a commentary on the book of John to confirm or adjust your insights and explain anything not clear to you. There are several recommended, beginning on page 211 of the text. If you choose to use such a commentary, be sure to turn to it only after you have done your own careful study of the Scripture itself under the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Do not depend on it as your primary source of biblical knowledge!

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### Course requirements:

1. Complete all of the questions and activities in the *LifeChange: John* text. None are optional for this course. Write the answers to all questions, including the Optional Applications, For Thought and Discussion, and For Further Study questions on separate paper and the put them in the "Exercises" section of this Student Notebook so they can be submitted to your instructor at the end of the course. Many of these questions do not have a specific correct answer. They are designed to draw you into dialogue with the Holy Spirit within your heart, to hear what He would say to you though the Scripture. Take the time necessary to quiet yourself to hear from Him.

It is not necessary for you to read the sections "For the Group" unless you are doing the study with others.

The more time you take in this study, the more revelation knowledge you will receive, which will be with you for the rest of your life. Do all of the assignments with care. It is expected that each CLU Lesson (not text Lesson) will take from six to eight hours to complete. If you are not spending that much time on the lessons, examine your work to make sure you are receiving all you can from them.

2. Memorize the signs of Jesus' Lordship which John gives (the miracles He performs).
3. Memorize the "I AM's" of Jesus found in John, with their references.
4. Memorize one of the following passages: John 1:1-14, John 14:1-14, John 15:5-17, John 17:15-26. This will be presented to your instructor in your final lesson. At that time, you may present it either orally via audio or video cassette, or by writing it out.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D" • Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C" • Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B" • Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A" • Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

Since NIV is the version used in the text, you are encouraged to memorize the NIV. However, other translations will be accepted.

5. John 20:30, 31 states the purpose and theme of the Gospel of John. Submit a paper discussing how John uses the carefully chosen “signs” and “claims”

of Jesus which he includes in his gospel to fulfill his purpose and prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and to encourage the reader to believe and have life.

This paper should be 4 to 6 pages in length, type-written, and is due in the final lesson.





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# Course Schedule

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### Lesson One

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read "How to Use This Study" and complete "Lesson One: Overview" of the LifeChange text. Remember to write (or file) all of your answers in this Student Notebook.

In addition, prepare a place in your Notebook in which you will note each of the miracles and each of the "I AM's" of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John, with references. As you study them from week to week, memorize each of these and where they are found. (For example, John 2:1-11 - changing the water to wine at the Cana wedding feast; John 6:35 - "I AM the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.")

Memorize John 20:30,31.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

#### Subjects to be explored:

Overview - Introducing John's Gospel

#### Related Objectives:

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### Lesson Two

#### Assignment to be completed:

Complete Lessons Two and Three of the LifeChange text.

Record and learn the miracles and claims of Jesus from the passage studied.

Be working on your Scripture passage memorization.

Complete and correct Self-Test Two.

#### Related objectives:

- You will discuss the meanings of the following terms as found in the Gospel of John: Word (*Logos*); world (*kosmos*); glory; the Christ.
- You will state each of the miracles and each of the "I AM's" of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John, with references.

#### Subjects to be explored:

The Word

Testimony